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Economic Services Division

Committee on China

(Minutes of Thirtieth-First Meeting -- 1400 hours, 3 May 1955)

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The following items of current interest were discussed:

1. The continued shipment of military supplies to the Viet Minh. As of late March, the Viet Minh were receiving 88 mm weapons, ammo and radar from the Chinese.
2. Broadcasting from 8 new transmitters in the Foochow area began on 1 May. Six of these are new transmitters and the other two, although they have been up for three years, have not previously been heard by FBID. So far the programming has consisted of propaganda, apparently aimed at the Formosan people, broadcast on a 12 hour day. Although they are currently operating on very low power, this is expected to be raised soon.
3. An unconfirmed report of new airfields at Ch'ung-shan on Hainan Island and at Chu-san (30.00 N, 122.07 E).
4. Speculation that the new Third Ministry of Machine Building might be a cover organization with functions different from those listed in the official announcement.

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